MINUTES FOR NAPRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS JAN 12TH

I. Meeting was called to order by Ken, N7IPB, at 11:16 AM at the Radio Club of Tacoma. Others in attendance were Dennis, KD7DZ, Scott, N7FSP, Peter, WA7FUS, Jeff, K7JF, Bill and Eva, AA6ED, Steve, N8GNJ, Roger K7AYC, Billy, KA7IQQ, and John, KA7TTY.

II. Treasurer, Peter, WA7FUS, reported that there was $1256.03 in the treasury. Dues are coming in slowly. There will be notices on the labels on the next issue of Zero Retries. The minutes of the December BOD meeting were read and approved as modified. There was a discussion about minutes of past meetings and a list of the equipment that NAPRA owns.

III. Tech VP Report - Scott, N7FSP -

A. TheNET 2.06 has been installed at SEA. SEAW should get installed next weekend. Still working on key for access to SEAW.

B. Everyone was reminded that NAPRA coordinates Nodes to frequencies. We want info on BBSs to help us understand what activity is on what frequency. This information will go into our database.

There are a large number of Frequency Coordination Request sheets to review. The following were approved:

KC7J-1	SOTAC	145.05	conditional > 50W, 30W recommended
W7DK-8	TAC	144.97	
N7FSP-10	#ALKI2	220.93	
N7FSP-1	ALKI	144.95	
K7APT-8	OLY	145.07	

The following FCRs will be acknowledged and the information kept in our files, however, coordination is not given to BBSs:

K7APT-4	#OLY	220.95
W7DK-7	#TAC	220.95
W7DK		144.97
W7GCI-7		145.07
W7GCI-7		144.97
W7DK		223.42
N7FSP-11		223.42
N7FSP-5		441.50
N7ENT		223.42
N7ENT		144.99
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C. Scott, N7FSP, presented a revised Frequency Coordination Sheet. Peter, WA7FUS moved we accept it. Motion was seconded and passed.

D. We have been requested to install a cavity on #SEA. Doug Lux, WB6VAC, was up to the sight last weekend and found most of #SEAs antenna missing. He was able to connect us temporarely to an antenna belonging to the WB7DOB repeater. The repeater is currently off the air and down for repairs and not expected back until Spring. We need a new 220 MHz Antenna. Scott was asked to contact Doug, WB6VAC, and Larry, WB7USL, for recommendations.

IV. Ken, N7IPB, met earlier this morning with Roger, K7AYC, and others with the Radio Club of Tacoma. They wanted to learn what was needed to build up a State-of-the-Art Node and BBS with a link into the Network. Ken has made some recommendations and they plan to act on them.

V. Scott, N7FSP, asked about the status of the 440 antenna belonging to Conrad, N7DUO, that we were to get tested. John, KA7TTY, reported that he has the antenna. He had contacted Larry Norin, N7LGJ, of the Boeing BEARS, to arrange for the testing, however, Larry said he really didn't want to get into this any more. He had managed to get an antenna that was built with Boeing Recreration Council funds tested, but he had used up all his favors with the test techs. Scott, N7FSP, said he now works in the building housing the test lab and will see if there is anything he can do. John will hold on to the antenna until he hears from Scott.

VI. Ken, N7IPB, asked about the "Octopus" board that NAPRA has. Bob, KD7NM, Ex-Tech VP, will be contacted.

VII. NAPRA received a proposal from Pete, N7ENT, regarding BBS forwarding after the 440 Repeater is up and working. It was agreed that it looked like a good idea and it will be kept under advisement and reviewed again once the repeater is up and running.

VIII. SEA and SEAW Up-grade - Ken, N7IPB, proposed the Tech VP form a committee to generate a plan with details and cost to replace and up-grade the equipment at these sites. They should be made as identical as possible, use Kantronics Data Engines with BPQ code. Steve, N8GNJ, added that they should also include an Uninteruptable Power Supply good for several hours, and circulators and cavities. Dennis, KB7DZ, moved we go ahead with this. Peter, WA7FUS, seconded the motion, and it passed. Help on the committee will be sought at the General meeting this afternoon.

IX. 440 MHz Repeater- Ken, N7IPB - the wrong crystal was ordered and received. It has been used to check-out the tranceiver, and a new correct crystal has been ordered.

X. It was suggested that NAPRA make a donation to RC of Tacoma in recognition of all the support they have given us by letting us use their club house. The board agreed. Ken, N7IPB, will contact them and make a specific suggestion at the next BOD meeting.

XI. OLY is looking for another 220 MHz tranceiver. They have been working with the folks in Longview LSO and have a path. LSO has put up a beam on 220 pointed at OLY which seems to work into the omni at OLY just fine. Now OLY need a radio they can dedicate to it. Ken, N7IPB, offered a tranceiver he had that needed repairs. An announcement will be made at the General meeting.

XII. Meeting adjourned at 12:51 PM

John - KA7TTY
Secretary